

# Harry S Truman National Historic Site



Harry S Truman as a boy



Junior  
Ranger

Ages 5-8

# Be A Junior Ranger



Welcome to Harry S Truman National Historic Site. If you are between the ages of 5-8, you can become a Junior Ranger and receive a Junior Ranger badge. Our visitor center hours are from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. seven days a week. Our phone number is (816)254-9929 and our mailing address is 223 N. Main Street, Independence, Missouri 64050.

Junior Rangers learn about national parks when they visit them. Did you know that you can visit a park from home? Yes, by going on the web to [www.nps.gov](http://www.nps.gov).

We hope that you learn from these activities and have fun. You must complete at least five of the seven activities. When you finish, bring your book to the front desk at the visitor center. A park ranger will see how well you've completed the activities, give you a Junior Ranger badge, sign your certificate and swear you in.

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After watching the 12 minute slide show, place a check in the box.

Thank you for your participation.

# The Family



Harry S Truman Birth Home in Lamar, MO  
Courtesy of Truman Library Museum.

Harry S Truman was born in Lamar, Missouri on May 8, 1884. He was the oldest son of Martha Ellen Young and John Truman. Harry had a younger brother named John Vivian and a sister named Mary Jane. Harry was named after his uncle Harrison who was his mother's brother. John Vivian was named after his father and a popular Confederate cavalry officer named John Vivian. Mary Jane was named after John Truman's mother.



John Vivian Truman  
Courtesy of Truman Library Museum.



Mary Jane Truman  
Courtesy of Truman Library Museum.

What is your name? \_\_\_\_\_.

Do you have any brothers or sisters?  
\_\_\_\_\_.

Who were you named after?  
\_\_\_\_\_.



Truman Boyhood Home  
Corner of Waldo and River

## What about You?



**Harry S Truman grew up in Independence, Missouri.**

**Where do you live?**\_\_\_\_\_.

**He liked to read history books and play the piano.**

**What do you like to do for fun?**\_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_.

**What kind of books do you like to read?**\_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_.

## Word Search

Read the paragraph and circle the words in bold that are hidden in the box below.  
The word “books” is done for you.

President **Harry S Truman** liked to read **books** when he was a boy. His favorite types of books were **history** books. As **President**, Mr. Truman **read** five **newspapers** a day to keep up with the news.

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# Truman Bingo

The pictures below show places you will see as you walk or drive around the city of Independence. Each time you see one of these places, circle it. When you get 3 in a row, you win. See if you can find all nine.

Hint: Ask for a city tour map at the information desk.



Truman Home



Clinton's Drug Store



Trinity Episcopal Church



Noland Home



Train Depot



Court House



Memorial Building



Truman Boyhood Home



Truman Presidential Library/Museum

# Truman Wisdom

Use the key below to solve the code.

When Harry was a boy he was taught to “say what you mean” and to

“  
1 2 3 4 what you say.”

His mother and father taught him to keep his word and to never forget a

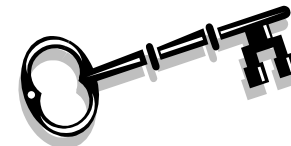
5 6 7 8 9 10

These were more than words to Harry,

they were “  
11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24”

This was wisdom he kept with him throughout his life.

1=M	5=F	9=N	13=R	17=O	21=W
2=E	6=R	10=D	14=D	18=T	22=I
3=A	7=I	11=W	15=S	19=H	23=S
4=N	8=E	12=O	16=T	20=E	24=E





# Family Tree

Dad's Dad

John Anderson Truman

Your Dad's Name

Harry S Truman

Dad's Mom

Martha Ellen Young

Your Name

Mary Margaret Truman

Mom's Dad

David W. Wallace

Your Mom's Name

Virginia Elizabeth Wallace

Bess

Mom's Mom

Madge Gates

The family tree is used to write down your ancestors. Ancestors are your grandparents, great grandparents and older. Harry Truman's ancestors are listed on the tree.

Like Harry S Truman, you have ancestors.

Can you trace your family tree to your grandparents?

Have your parents help you place the names of your ancestors in the correct space.



# Harry Truman match

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**Draw a line to match the question to the proper answer.**

**Hint: The answers can be found within this book.**

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|--|--------------------------------|
| 1. Who was Harry Truman's mother?      | A. Mary <b>Margaret</b> Truman |
| 2. Who was Harry Truman's brother?     | B. Martha Ellen Young Truman   |
| 3. Who is Harry Truman's daughter?     | C. John <b>Vivian</b> Truman   |
| 4. Who was Harry Truman's father?      | D. Mary Jane Truman            |
| 5. Who was Harry Truman's sister?      | E. Bess Wallace Truman         |
| 6. Where was Harry Truman born?        | F. John Anderson Truman        |
| 7. What was Harry Truman's birth date? | G. Independence, Missouri      |
| 8. Who was Harry Truman's wife?        | H. Lamar, Missouri             |
| 9. What is Harry Truman's home town?   | I. May 8, 1884                 |

# Certificate

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